

James Shidler Leaving for Ft. Benning

Resigning his position as laboratory technician at Torrance Memorial Hospital to enter the Army, James Shidler is leaving by automobile today for Ft. Benning, Ga., where he will take a four-months' course in the Infantry School.

Later he will enter a medical school to be designated by the Army with the rank of first lieutenant. He served with the Marine Corps in World War II.

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Trustees at College Okay Call for Bids

El Camino College trustees have approved working drawings on an athletic field house to be erected north of the new stadium now under construction and authority was given to advertise for bids.

The trustees also discussed plans now being prepared by the architects covering the construction of a student union-cafeteria building and an administration and classroom building. It is expected that construction on these latter two buildings will commence in late summer or early fall.

In other actions the board granted authority to advertise for bids for installation of gas mains to serve the gymnasium and shop unit now under construction. Authority was granted to President Forrest G. Murdock to attend the school superintendents meeting in San Francisco from Feb. 20 through 23. Several board members indicated they would also attend the meeting.

EDISON, BENEFACTOR

Next Feb. 11, the birthday of Thomas Alva Edison will be observed on a nationwide scale, as it has in past years. The emphasis is to be placed upon community recognition of the inventor's great contributions to human betterment, and all manner of civic and service organizations will play a leading part.

The achievements of Edison are too well known to need repeating. Foremost among them were his successful experiments in the science of electricity, which provided the groundwork on which the whole vast power industry was built, and which have revolutionized the living and working habits of the American people. Edison Day thus becomes a tribute to one of the greatest public benefactors the world has ever known.

But there is more to it than this. Edison Day must also be seen as a celebration of the greatest force for progress that exists—the freedom of the individual to explore, to create, to fail and to succeed, all without coercion or domination by government. Can anyone believe that the electric industry, which is Edison's monument, would have reached its present stage of growth and public service had government controlled it from the beginning? Government imitates, but it never creates. Government takes no chances that it can avoid.

TROUT PLANTING

Seasonal fish planting operations at the Kern river hatchery ended during the month of November with the planting of 45,810 trout, weighing 9,452 pounds, reports the Division of Fish and Game.

ILLINOIS PICNIC

Former residents of Illinois are invited by President Edwin J. Miller of the Illinois State Society to attend an all-day reunion next Saturday, Jan. 15, in Sycamore Grove Park, John F. Sinclair, noted traveler and interviewer will speak.



RECORDING STAR — 'Red' Marrell, recording star of the Ozark Playboys, who opens Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Al Royer's, popular Southland nite spot on Redondo Beach boulevard.

FORM YOUTH CHOIR

Boys and girls between the ages of 9 to 14 are invited to the youth choir which will be organized in First Lutheran Church parish hall. The rehearsal will begin at 6 Thursday evening and will last one hour so that the boys and girls can go home early.

Kettler Knolls Group Meets

Residents of Kettler Knolls will meet tonight in V. F. W. Clubhouse to organize a Citizens' Association of Kettler Knolls.

Purpose of the meeting is to work for street lights, bus service, traffic regulations, railroad warning signs, telephone service, and other services vital to the general improvement of the development.

Letters have been sent to all residents in the affected area—all in the form of an invitational agenda, according to Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Williams, of 1825 Reynosa drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Frederickson, 1945 Reynosa drive.

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